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TEACHER MARK SMITH OF WILDROSE PARTY DEFEATS MCQUEEN IN POLLS



Cathy Weetman Western Review

Teacher Mark Smith said he was "humbled" after learning he had won the election over incumbent MLA Diana McQueen and asked for time and patience while learning his new role in government. Wildrose now becomes the official opposition party after the NDP, under Rachel Notley's leadership, swept the election with 54 seats.

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News

Smith defeats incumbent McQueen

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

The mood was sombre in incumbent Diana McQueen's campaign headquarters Tuesday night when poll results began to trickle in shortly after the polls closed. And when Global Television commentators announced some 40 minutes later there would be an NDP majority government in power, the reaction in the room was one of disbelief and sadness.

McQueen quietly wiped her eyes with a tissue before disappearing into a back room, re-emerging a few minutes later with a stoic face to wait for the latest results. These didn't look good either, as poll after poll had Wildrose candidate Mark Smith leading McQueen by a margin of 60 per cent.

Another hour went by and with 60 out of 85 polls showing Smith in the lead, he was declared elected. McQueen gave her thank you speech to all her volunteers and supporters before congratulating Smith on his victory by telephone.

Meanwhile, at Smith's campaign headquarters, the mood was cautiously optimistic until the announcement came that Smith had won the election. Grinning, pumping his

fists in the air and hugging his supporters, Smith said winning the election was "humbling".

"Wow, I didn't really think this would happen. I want to thank the team and thank Diana for all her hard work. I'm very, very happy with it all around," said Smith, moments after the win. In his speech to his volunteers and supporters, Smith said the election had not been just a 28 day experience, but rather it started in June when he decided to get his nomination papers. He also thanked his family for the support they have given him, particularly his father Wayne, who ran his campaign. "In the five campaigns he has run for people, all of them were elected," said Smith.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart and thank you to those who worked on the campaign. Thank you to all of those people who have come together in the last 28 days. There were so many coffee parties, rallies and community events... I want to take time tonight to thank all the candidates that ran their campaigns. They showed an incredible amount of courage and vision to run the campaigns that they have."

Smith also thanked McQueen for the hard work she has done throughout the campaign.

ency throughout her past two terms. He added that while campaigning, all the people he met always had a good word to say about her, such as, "I really like her." "She's been so good to community," and "She's such a hard worker."

"Her sacrifice in public service has been known and recognized... I want to recognize her service and how she honourably served the people in this constituency. She has been a school board trustee, mayor and MLA. She deserves our respect and we need to continue to take care of her," said Smith.

Referring to a statement made by fellow Wildrose candidate Heather Forsyth, Smith concluded his speech by saying, "The rose has bloomed across Alberta. It's time to smell

the roses and a time to begin gardening. As we travel down this path, we can bloom and grow to make this province what it needs to be."

Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean also brought personal greetings and congratulations on his own behalf and that of McQueen, who was unable to reach him by telephone, but encouraged her supporters to support Smith in his new role in government.

"We look forward to working with Mark in the next four years," added McLean. Smith, a teacher who had been on hiatus for the past few months officially retired as of May 6 to begin his new career representing the people of Drayton Valley-Devon.




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Join the Parks Council & Keyera for a walk out on the trails and help support Cause for Critters in Drayton Valley! Check out the one of a kind interpretive trails created by students at Evergreen Elementary and do your part to keep our trails clean and green!

Refreshments and trail cleaning supplies provided by Keyera!
Prized Dogs on leash welcome!

MAY 14th
ROTARY PEMBINA NORDIC
COMMUNITY SOUTH TRAILS
near the cemetery
1:00PM

All donations raised will help support Cause for Critters in Drayton Valley!

*Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Please contact Christy, Shalond@keyera.com to register or for more information!
*Dew for Cause for Critters doghouse raffle will also be made at this event!



Cathy Weetman Western Review
Incumbent MLA Diana McQueen speaks with Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean while the pair were waiting for poll results to arrive. Results showed Mark Smith came out on top with 6,261 votes, while the PCs received 5,181 votes. The NDP came in third with NDP candidate Heather Forsyth receiving 4,510 votes.



DRAYTON VALLEY

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We would like to CONGRATULATE and WELCOME **MARK SMITH** as the new MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon!

We look forward to working with him as we continue to build a strong and vibrant community!

On behalf of Town Council and administration, we would like to thank the Honourable Diana McQueen for her many years of dedicated service to her constituents as MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon.

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TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

Spring Clean-up 2015

MAY 11-15

The Town of Drayton Valley will be working hard to collect your surplus refuse and bulk items during this week.

Collection will be in quadrants as follows:

Monday	SW Corner	SE Corner
Tuesday	SE Corner	NW Corner
Wednesday	NW Corner	SW Corner
Thursday	SW Corner	SE Corner
Friday	Industrial Road, and Pleasantview Trailer Ct	

Please assist our collection by adhering to the following:

- All items are to be ready by 8AM FOR PICK-UP in your area.
- Tree branches and renovation materials should be tied in bundles not exceeding 3-ft in length and 2-ft in any other dimension.
- Maximum pick-up per household is limited to 500 KGs.
- Residents with large items such as APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, COMPUTERS AND TELEVISIONS (requiring more than 1 person to collect) should call the Town Office prior to collection day in person for pick-up.
- PROVIDE A FREEZE/DIESEL fuel tank from removed and be tagged by a plumber PRIOR to pick-up. If you would like the Town to handle the removal of a tank, you will need to come into the Town Office prior to pick-up and pay a \$30 fee. Only then will your tank/pressure be collected on the scheduled pick-up day.
- Hazardous Waste or Commercial Waste will not be collected.
- HAZARDOUS WASTE: Household Hazardous Waste such as paints, used oil, antifreeze and chemicals can be dropped off at the Aspin Waste Management Facility during regular operating hours, subject to user fees posted.
- Commercial Waste is NOT accepted and there is NO point exchange.
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Tel: 780-842-5818
Regular hours of operation:
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Waste materials delivered to Aspin are subject to user fees as posted.
- FURTHER INQUIRIES REGARDING COLLECTION:**
CALL THE TOWN OFFICE AT 780-514-2200

Next Regular meeting of Council
Wed. May 13, 2015
Council Chambers, Town Office • 9:00 a.m.

Next Governance & Priorities Meeting
Wed. May 13, 2015
Town Office • 1:00 p.m.

LEADERS OF TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded annually by the Town of Drayton Valley to a worthy student from each of Drayton Valley's schools.

QUESTIONS, ENQUIRIES
Students are those entering a post secondary institution with a view to pursuing a career in local government. Application form is available at www.draytonvalley.ca/communityyouthscholarship/

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News

Compelled to vote in favour of tax reduction

Reeve's ideas need council support

Maria Lulla
Western Review

One Brazeau County council member says he had no choice but to vote in favour of the recent 30 per cent municipal tax reduction on Apr. 10.

Deputy Reeve Marc Gressler was not in favour of the 30 per cent tax reduction from the get-go and was compelled to make a decision because of the events that turned out the morning of the decision.

"It was a real challenge. I didn't come to be elected to shut down the county, and I felt that I was forced into the position where I didn't want to shut down the county. I wanted it to be still operating and doing the good work that the administration does, so at the end of the day I felt compelled that I had to vote in favour of the reduction in the residential taxes,"

said Gressler.

During the special meeting when the 30 per cent reduction in municipal taxes was passed, administration had sought legal opinion and decided that, had a decision not been made that morning, county doors would have been shut.

"It's always a challenge when you get a change of councillor or reeve or anybody within the county. We have a reeve that has a lot that he wants to do and my aim or objective is to try to keep the county on track and on focus with what the long range goals have been. And there's going to be, 'we disagree on and other things we totally agree on some,' and that's how council works," said Gressler.

Reeve Bart Guyon has immediate plans, one of them included lower pay for council members, a plan that was not agreed upon by all council members at a recent council meeting.

When asked about council remuneration and how it was not passed, Guyon says "not yet".

"I don't know if I have support yet. It takes people a while to think about the ideas that I bring forward. Sometimes I get too far ahead of myself and I push a little too hard. But I push it a little too hard because I want to try and get as much done for people as I possibly can," said Guyon.

A cut in council pay and a decrease in tax reduction were ideas that were part of Guyon's platform, and he confirms that all his ideas that do not go forward will keep coming back.

An idea that received green light by other council members was adding bike/walk paths on some of the county roads.

"One of the ideas I threw out there was to tie our communities, create safer roads and opportunities for people cycling, biking, and people just walking, and the idea is to attach walking paths to existing road infrastructure," said Guyon.

A LETTER UNSENT

At the council meeting on May 5, council members had a discussion about a letter that was drafted to send to the Town

of Drayton Valley, but it wasn't sent as not all council members were on board.

The letter was in reply to the town's letter that was sent when the county was discussing a 30 per cent tax reduction explaining that a reduction in county taxes impacts the town.

According to the draft letter that was not sent as of last week, a 10 per cent increase to the non-residential tax rate that commenced in 2012 created a financial benefit for the town.

"The 10 per cent increase to the non-residential tax rate commencing in 2012, created a substantial financial benefit of more than an estimated \$250,000, for the Town of Drayton Valley," states the letter.

"It's not that they lost anything, they just didn't get as much as they thought. So be [Mayor Glenn McLean] fails to mention the amount of money that they garnered on the industrial side," said Guyon.

In previous interviews McLean has said the town loses out on \$16,000 every year due to the tax reduction by the county.

"It's not \$16,000 one year, it's \$16,000 every year," McLean had said.

When asked about the financial benefit to the town when it comes to non-residential tax rate, Mayor Glenn McLean said he is not in a position to comment on a letter he hasn't seen.

"I have not been provided with Mr. Guyon's letter. Without having the opportunity to review the letter in its entirety, I am not in a position to give an adequate response," he said.

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Visit www.brazeau.ab.ca and click on Citizen Budget 2015 or call us at 780-542-7777 to have a paper version mailed to you. Survey closes May 15, 2015.

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2015 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

Brazeau County is accepting applications for the 2015 Dust Control Program. Applications may be acquired at the County office, 7401 Township Road 494, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on our website www.brazeau.ab.ca.

You will need your rural address (blue sign) to complete the application. Full payment is required at the time of application.

The cost for this service is:

\$200.00 plus GST for Rural Road Residents (200 m)
\$100.00 plus GST for Country Residential Subdivisions (100 m)

Applications should be submitted before May 15, 2015.

For those residents age 65 and older who apply for dust control, you now receive a discounted rate when you provide identification establishing your age. Either show us your identification in-person when you apply or attach a copy of your identification to your application if you're mailing it in to us.

For further information, contact the Public Works Department at 780-542-7711

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

• Holiday office closure on May 19.
• The next regular Council Meeting will be on May 19th starting at 9 a.m.
• Municipal Planning Commission meeting will be on May 20th starting with an information session at 10:00am, delegations at 10:00am. For further information, please phone the Planning and Development Department at 780-542-2667.
All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.
Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca/departments/employment.

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The following development permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:
PROPOSAL: Accessories (pole shed 111.5 m², fence 1.2 m high, and gate 4.9 m high). A variance to the maximum height of the fence in the front yard from 1.0 m (3.3 ft) to 1.2 m (4 ft) has been granted.

LEGAL DESC: Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 082 3218 within NW 27-49-7 WSM (7219 Twp Rd 495)

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., May 27, 2015.

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 780-542-2667.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR GRAVEL PROGRAM

Applications for the registration of gravel trucks for the 2015 Gravel Program are currently being accepted at Brazeau County office at 7401 Twp Rd 494 Brazeau County.

Dates for the gravel haul are approximately June 1 to June 30, 2015.

Only those selected for the gravel program will be contacted.

All interested operators must make application.
Important Note: The County shall not hire a contractor or a supplier if that particular business or individual is in arrears to the County in any form, or if they are in the process of entering into or initiating a legal process with the County.



The Administration office and Public Works shop will be closed Monday, May 18th for the Victoria Day Civic Holiday.

YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL



The Aim for Success - Youth Action Team members were seen around Drayton Valley streets last week, chalking out messages for Mental Health Week. They left their positive mark on sidewalks, and walls as they went along.

Maria Lulla Western Review



NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

FILE 150-060

The following development permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:

PROPOSAL: Single detached dwelling 123.2 m² (1326 ft²) with attached garage 58.6 m² (631 ft²), covered veranda 9.2 m² (99 ft²), and covered deck 13.4 m² (144 ft²). A variance is granted to the front yard setback from 10.0 (32 ft) to 7.3 m (23 ft) from the single detached dwelling 123.2 m² (1326 ft²) with attached garage 58.6 m² (631 ft²), covered veranda 9.2 m² (99 ft²), and covered deck 13.4 m² (144 ft²) to the front (northeast) property line.

LEGAL DESC: Lot 13 Block 5 Plan 152 1648 within NW 10-45-7 WSM (River Ravine Estates)

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., May 28, 2015.

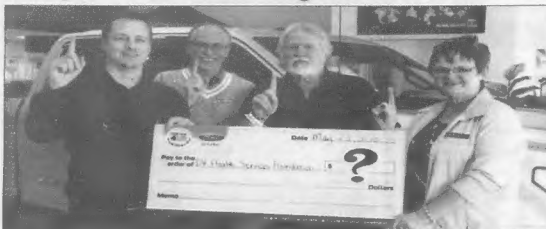
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Reeve Bart Guyon, Councillor Shirley Mahan, Councillor Rita Mole, Councillor Marc Gressler, Councillor Kara Westlund, Councillor Anthony Heinrich, Councillor Maryann Thompson

News

Drayton Ford holding fundraiser to support ct scanner



Cathy Weetman Western Review

(L. to r.) Lyndon Taylor, Murray Fuhr, Gary Kolenicki and Colleen Sekura hold an oversized cheque which hopefully will display a \$6,000 figure at the end of the campaign to raise money for a ct scanner in Drayton Valley. The campaign begins May 23.

Cathy Weetman Western Review Put on your driving gloves, put out your driver's licence and be prepared to help out with a wonderful and much-needed community project on May 23 as a campaign to raise money for the CT for DV kicks off at Drayton Valley Ford Sales Ltd.

At Colleen Sekura, Fund Development Officer, Drayton Valley Health Services, explains, for each person who comes down to Drayton Ford and test drives a vehicle, Ford will donate \$20 to the CT scanner fund, up to a maximum of \$6,000. That means 300 residents with a valid driver's licence are needed to make this goal, and they need to pre-register before the event, which goes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gary Kolenicki, Assistant Manager with Drayton Valley Ford Sales Ltd., added, "This is an opportunity for Ford to showcase its vehicles and contribute to the community at the same time. We will be having a barbecue with refreshments for a nominal fee and we'd like to try to do a treasure hunt for the cost of a Tootsie." "We welcome everybody to come down. We'll have a route map out and the salesmen will be doing the test drives with the customers, which should take about 10 to 15 minutes. We'll have a row of vehicles ready for customers to drive, everything from 150, 250 and 350 pickup trucks to the Flex, Escape and the Crossover," said Kolenicki.

"Our board members will

also be here to talk about the campaign. The scanner costs \$1.8 million and we're just at that \$1 million mark. We're going to be breaking down some walls in the health centre very soon, and we have put a down payment on the actual scanner," said Sekura. "We are certainly appreciative of Ford's efforts to help us out."

In the past, Drayton Valley Ford and Ford Canada has held these test drive fundraisers where they donated \$6,000 to minor baseball, \$2,100.00 to HW Pickup Huskies football team, \$5,580.00 to Friends of Enfield Learning Society and \$2,120.00 to minor hockey.

To pre-register for this event, go to drive4UT.com/en/ctdv.

Got a news tip?
Call the Western Review editorial department at 780-542-5380



AGM

DATE: JUNE 2, 2015
TIME: 6:30PM

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Brazeau County ECONOMIC FORECAST

2015 MID YEAR UPDATE

Tuesday May 26
7:15 - 9:00 am

MacKenzie Conference Centre

\$30 Per Person
\$160 Table of 6

Breakfast & Networking
7:30-8:00 am

Hosted by:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER J. ANGUS WATT

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FEATURE SPEAKERS
Martine Verhaeghe, Director of Planning & Development
Wanda Comprou, Manager Economic Development and Communications

Both panel are chairmen of Brazeau County's Economic Development Committee, which is responsible for the county's economic development strategy and implementation.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ELDORADO



Justine Kimoden Western Review
Students and parents were treated to a pancake breakfast at Eldorado School on May 7.

News

A FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER



On April 30, a family game night was organized by Alma for Success and was held at Eldorado School. Local families were able to bond over a variety of games including Game of Life, Scrabble and Connect Four.

Justine Kimoden Western Review

HOUSE CAUGHT ON FIRE



Fire Department responded to a residential fire on Range Road 42 and Township 484 on May 8 in Section, Alberta.

Justine Kimoden Western Review

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

NOTIFICATION OF MAILING OF 2015 COMBINED TAX & ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Pursuant to Section 311 and Section 336 of the Municipal Government Act, the combined property tax & assessment notices for the Town of Drayton Valley were mailed on May 7, 2015. As a result of the publication of this notice all assessed persons are deemed to have received their combined property tax & assessment notices for 2015. Property taxes are due June 30, 2015. Penalties will apply if payment is not received by the due date.

If you wish to file a complaint about your current assessment you must, within sixty (60) days of the date of mailing of the combined property tax and assessment notice, lodge your complaint by completing the Assessment Review Complaint Form LGS1402 and submitting the completed form along with applicable fee to:

Assessment Review Board Clerk
Box 6837
5120 52 Street
Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1A1

Forms are available at the Town Office.

An assessment open house will be held on May 28, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Town Office. Our assessors (Municipal Assessment Services Group) will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have on how your property was assessed. If you are unable to attend the open house or just have some questions on how your property was assessed you can call our assessors directly at 780.939.3310.

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Marc Guertin
Finance Manager
Town of Drayton Valley
Dated May 7, 2015

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POSTMEDIA



our editorial

You voted, but was it for the person, party or platform after all?

Wow.

Depending upon which party you voted for during last Tuesday's provincial election, the outcome must have been a surprise for candidates and voters alike.

No doubt it was a surprise for Drayton Valley-Devon constituency's MLA, Diana McQueen, who lost to Wildrose candidate Mark Smith after serving two terms in office. When Global Edmonton Television commentators announced 40 minutes after the polls closed that it looked as if there was going to be a majority NDP government, McQueen took the news stoically. After quietly wiping her eyes and receiving a hug from Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean, she excused herself from the public eye only for a few minutes before returning to the room full of supporters with her game face on. All she said was, "Let's see what the polls bring."

An hour later McQueen was blindsided again with more bad news - that Wildrose candidate Mark Smith had been declared the winner of this constituency.

Person, party or platform?

Clearly voters were more than likely tickled off with the PC party, in particular the PC platform and the person other than McQueen - Jim Prentice. Prentice himself lost the last shred of any decency he had on election night when he stepped down as both an MLA and

premier despite being re-elected, effectively washing his hands of any responsibility for his party losing the election with a loss of 60 plus seats, if that is even possible.

But we digress.

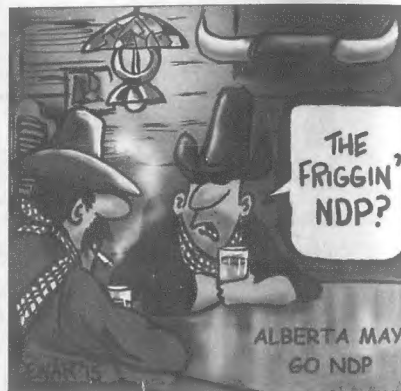
In his thank you speech to his supporters, Mark Smith noted that every time he went door knocking during his campaign, the homeowners would comment on how much McQueen has done for the community to "really like her" to "She's been so good to the community." In the end, though, Smith summed up the election result by saying they came from larger issues, and that every election brings about a great deal of happiness and heartache, depending upon whether a candidate wins or loses.

We know that, because of McQueen, Smith will have some very large shoes to fill and we wish him all the best in his new job.

At the same time, we hope McQueen holds no hard feelings toward voters in this constituency, but knowing what a grand lady she is, we doubt that would ever happen.

So good luck to Smith on his new job and a huge thank you to McQueen for a job well done, and best of luck to whatever the future holds for her.

We may have crowned a new king in this constituency, but we will always have our jewel in Diana McQueen.



On trying new things

When was the last time you did something for the first time? When was the last time you did something that scared you? What was it and how did you feel?

For me, it is more about going somewhere that I have never been before rather than trying an activity or eating food that I have never tried. A few weeks ago though, I met someone who was able to push me out of my comfort zone when it comes to food and I am so glad I did.

I rarely go out of my way to eat something that I have not tried before. I usually just stick to eating my usual rice and meat combo. A few weeks ago, my friend and I went out for dinner and I was just so in love with sushi, so we went to his favourite sushi place in Edmonton, I



Justine Kimoden
Justine's Journey

was just going to order kani-sushi or tempura but he did not let me. I said I do not like sushi or anything raw for that matter and he said, "Have you tried sushi before?" and I said "No, I have not but I do not like it." He then said "How can you say you do not like something if you have not tried it at all?" And that was when I had no other choice but to give in and have my first sushi. He chose a few different kinds of sushi and sashimi and taught me how to eat

it. Surprisingly, I did not turn out to be as nasty or fishy as I thought it would be. I still would not ever go out of my way to eat sushi but if it is right in front of me, I would not turn it down.

The next time we hung out, we went to a Korean restaurant and he made me try kimchi, another thing I swore I would never eat. For some reason, he was able to convince me to be more open in trying new food and for that I am thankful. Kimchi was okay but just like with sushi, I do not think I would ever crave it.

I have learned to not say I do not like something I have never even tried. I have learned to try something new every day if possible. It makes life so much more interesting and worth it.

News

Facts about the 2015 provincial election

Date of Alberta's 2015 election: May 5, 2015
Date of Alberta's 2016 re-election: Between March 1 and May 31, 2016
Total number of votes cast in the 2015 election (unofficial results): 1,486,877
Total number of votes cast in the 2012 election (unofficial results): 1,590,223

Constituency with highest voter turnout: 68.07% in Drayton Valley-Devon
Constituency with lowest voter turnout: 40.8% in Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo
Total number of re-elected MLAs: 19*
Total number of new MLAs: 74*

Newly elected MLAs in the Government Caucus: 49
Newly elected MLAs in the Opposition: 20 (18 Wildrose, 1 PC and 1 Alberta Party)
Number of women in the Government Caucus: 25*
out of 53 MLAs (47% of the NDP Caucus)
Number of women in the Opposition Caucuses: 3*
Number of MLA resignations since May 5, 2015: 1 (Jim Prentice in Calgary-Foothills)
Number of lost races: 1 (Calgary-Glenmore, pending a recount)

Most votes for a candidate: 15,350 for the NDP's Martin Schmidt in Edmonton-Gold Bar
Highest percentage of votes for a candidate: 82.4% for Rachel Notley in Edmonton-Strathcona
Longest serving re-elected MLA: Brian Mason, NDP MLA for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood first elected in 2000.

Closest race that is not a tie: Little Bow with a margin of 12 votes (recount pending).
Youngest elected MLA: Thomas Dang, 20 years old, was elected in Edmonton-South West.
Total vote for the NDP in 2015: 603,461
Total vote for the NDP in 2012: 138,752
Total vote for the Wildrose Party in 2015: 360,101
Total vote for the Wildrose Party in 2012: 442,429
Total vote for the PC Party in 2015: 521,171
Total vote for the PC Party in 2012: 127,845
Total vote for the Liberal Party in 2015: 33,867
Total vote for the Liberal Party in 2012: 16,959

Information courtesy of Dave Courtenay

Seats won or lost in the Legislature

Following are the number of seats won or lost in the Alberta legislature following the May 5 election (all results are unofficial until May 15):

NDP	53 seats
Wild Rose Party	21 seats
PCs	10 seats
Liberals	1 seat
Other	1 seat

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ELDERADO



Students and parents were treated to a pancake breakfast at Eldorado School on May 7.

LETTERS POLICY

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News

Bigger facility for cats and pups under works

► Cause for Critters is getting ready to house more animals

Monika Luth
Western Review

Cause for Critters is looking for a new home for all its animals.

The local animal shelter has given the Town of Drayton Valley a layout as to what they would like to see in a bigger facility, which would be a different building altogether.

Cause for Critters president Christy Skelton said the town is going to build a shell and the shelter is going to fundraise to work on the inside of the building.

"They would be building the shell; the walls and then we are to take it from there (like) basic construction materials, with it being an animal shelter, some of the additional cost comes in because we need additional air flow in there, so our HVAC system would be higher grade than a typical commercial building. Everything will be washable so we can't have carpet or anything," said Skelton.

The inside design will have kennels for the dogs and what Skelton calls townhouses.

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"Cats can go from [one] cage to [another] cage so if there are a couple that come in together or they get along, they can communicate. That will be for cat boarding," she said.

The current facility has cat condos but no private area.

"Cats are solitary animals; they don't want to be with other cats and right now they don't have that option, so they are not as adoptable as they could be," she said.

The current facility doesn't have room for dogs and the shelter relies on foster homes.

"We can't take in as many dogs as we would like to because once our fosters are filled up, we have to say sorry we are full. And fosters depend on time of the year because people go away for winter or take summer vacations," she said.

The new facility will have kennels for dogs, but fostering will still be encouraged for puppies.

"We will still keep our fosters because puppies shouldn't be in a shelter situation. We don't want to teach them that that's normal. If they are older they will come into the shelter," she said.

There will be an open area for all the adoptable animals that would be available for viewing to the public. The aim for the new space is to be able to accommodate 24 dogs and 42 cats.

Whether animal control will work with the shelter is a question still unanswered. Skelton said the animals would be able to use the facility as a shelter but isn't sure about the animal control officer duties.

"We would provide space for the animal control. And

once an animal comes into our system, we will take care of it. We will provide viewing hours when they come in and see. Whether we would be the ones to answer those calls and be the animal control officer, that hasn't been decided," she said.

In their research, she has found performing animal control officer duties can get tricky due to blurry lines.

What is animal control and your function as animal control, and function as an animal rescue, it just seemed to get blurred," she said.

Cause for Critters will stick to its no-kill policy for all animals. According to an e-mail from assistant town manager Nesen Naidoo, the Town of Drayton Valley has set aside \$200,000 for the shelter plus the land. The location of the new facility is still under discussion.

There are other plans at the new facility as well, including having a space for a memorial area.

"So if somebody cannot bury their animal on their ground, we want to have a site for a memorial area and plant a tree. In three or five years when the tree is big enough, relocate it to a park or something like that," said Skelton.

Cause for Critters is fundraising including asking for donations in cash or in kind services. One of the campaigning agendas is called "I wish my pet knew." People are being asked to collect signs from Cause for Critters and share their story by taking a picture with their pet including a hashtag #stay-outside for social media. For more information watch for updates on Cause for Critters Facebook page.



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All queries regarding this request for proposal are to be directed only to Colin McAleer, Safety & Transportation Officer at: 780-690-6318 or at: colin.mcaleer@starcatholic.ab.ca

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NEW CONDOMINIUM
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Justine Kimodan Western Review
On May 5, Town of Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean together with councillor Heather Main and condominium unit owners were at 4002 47 Street in town where the River Terrace Condominium is to be built. The building of the condominium started on May 6 and is expected to open in Spring 2016.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is your favourite subject and why?



Riley Howes 9
I like Art because it is creative.



Tashlyn Huntley 9
My favourite subject is Math and I really like doing Math because I learn how to do fractions.



Natalie Landry 8
I like Science because I get to learn new things.



Adam Mahan 8
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Your check engine light comes on when there is a problem in one of two ways: the light will flash or be steady. If the light is flashing a serious condition has been detected. This means vehicle emissions and could cause damage to the engine control system on the vehicle and should be diagnosed as soon as possible. The light on steady can be less serious related and although also needs to be looked into to not on the same priority as a flashing light.

Sometimes when the service engine soon light is on, there may be an apparent abnormality. This may be due to today's vehicle ability to compensate for the fault as long as making computer controlled adjustments to compensate for the fault. So even if the vehicle is running well when the light is on it should still be looked into before the problem becomes a problem.

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What is the lighting like in your kitchen or your bathroom? Is your counter top a simple, solid color or is it very busy with lots of colors happening in it? This plays a very important part in what to choose for the tile.

With a very simple counter top, the sky's the limit. You can choose almost anything to go with it in the color pattern it falls in and make it look sharp.

With a very busy counter top, you may want to keep it simple. When tiling your bathroom, large tiles are a nice look as well.

When tiling in high moisture areas, waterproofing is something to consider as well. When you are going to the store for tiles, get some good ideas, take samples home and keep them for a few days.

Look at them in the different light, (day, night time, only the lights in your house). Glue is popular for giving a large impact on the look you are going to achieve.

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Sports Wanted rugby players

Ladies aged 18 years and older are invited to join the local ladies rugby team, Drayton Valley Gold Diggers.

Daniella Leach, Drayton Valley Gold Diggers team player, said the local ladies rugby team is looking to expand which is why they are looking for more members.

"Our team is looking to expand and eventually develop a full 15s team with the goal of reaching a 10s team by next season," she said. "Having a 7s team is fun and social but Drayton Valley's rugby experience is developing and there are more game opportunities

with a full 15s team." Joining the local rugby team, Leach said, is an excellent way to get physically active while making new friends in town.

"It is fun (to) learn something new or continue doing it if you stopped doing it in high school," she said. "It is just a go. A way to get out and be social."

The local ladies rugby team also aims to go to at least three tournaments a year which are usually held on a weekend.

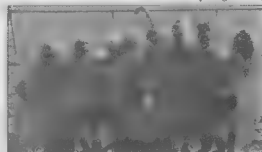
Anyone interested in joining the Drayton Valley Gold Diggers is invited to stop by during practice. "All they need to do is come along to our training," Leach said. "Trainings are now held at our club field at the Omniplex grounds,

no longer at Frank Maddock High School field. We have been waiting for the field to be ready and now it is. (Training) is from 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

Leach also encourages anyone interested to connect with them through their Facebook page at Gold Diggers - Drayton Valley Women's Rugby 2015.

Leach said she is looking forward to have the girls rugby players from local high schools to eventually come out and join the Drayton Valley Gold Diggers.

"Thanks to a few dedicated coaches, Drayton Valley has been building a strong high school team and we would like to capture that talent and carry it forward into the women's division," she said.



Photos submitted

The Drayton Valley Gold Diggers are looking forward to welcoming new players into their team.

Drayton Valley Thunder hosts first youth ball hockey tournament

Western Review

The Drayton Valley Thunder is holding its first Youth May Madness: Youth Ball Hockey Tournament from May 23 to 24 at the Drayton Valley Omniplex.

Youth hockey players aged 17 and under from divisions including novice, atom, peewee, bantam, and midget are encouraged to sign up for the tournament.

"We are going to be holding a youth ball hockey tournament in the Omniplex. It is going to be split in half and then we will have two games going on at the same time and they are going to be 30-minute

games," said Erin Hepper, Director of Sales and Marketing for the Drayton Valley Thunder. "It is just a way for youth to get out during May and participate in a ball hockey tournament."

Hockey Canada will also be present on the same weekend to celebrate its centennial anniversary.

"(Drayton Valley is Hockey Canada's) last stop on their century tour," Hepper said. "In Alberta, the smallest place they have been to so far is Red Deer. This tour is never going to happen again so it is going to be beneficial for the town of Drayton Valley. We just want to get as many people out as we can and get them out to support the

community." Hockey Canada will bring to a 20,000-square-foot, interactive hockey experience caravan and provide a synthetic ice rink for on-ice experiences.

Hepper encourages interested youth to register for the tournament by May 19 by calling the Drayton Valley Thunder office or Omniplex front desk or by visiting draytonvalleythunder.ca.

"It is just another thing to do in town and get kids active," she said. "It is a great opportunity for kids from out of town to come and stop by and then have fun with their teammates and play in the hockey tournament that has some great prizes."

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News

Leave your baggage behind

This summer 1, my wife and our five boys are travelling to England to visit our family. It's an exciting time for all of us as it will be the first time that we have all travelled overseas together. Our children are especially excited as they have not seen their cousins in over five years and have already begun discussing what they are taking with them.

While being excited, at times I do get apprehensive about the journey or more the thought of keeping my five boys occupied on the plane for 10 hours.

Every time I think about the journey and our holiday in England the boy scout in me comes out and I think of all the essential items I must not forget. Books for the kids on the plane, wet wipes for spills, change of clothes, snacks, blankets, toys, hot water bottles and the list goes on. In fact the bigger issue arises when I come to pack.

The last time we flew to England I paid over \$140 in excess luggage charges. If I am honest I am one of those individuals that often carry too many great items, but ones that I rarely use. Recently I had to start wearing a belt again, not because I



have lost weight but because of all the items I carry in my pockets were making the back of my pants look like a teenager's. The truth is, I don't know how to travel light.

Last week was mental health week and at Aim for Success we worked with students to share the importance of mental health and wellness. One activity that the students delivered was called "Chalk about it". The students went around Drayton Valley writing positive mental health messages on the pavement in chalk, raising awareness and encouraging the community to talk about mental health and wellness.

As the students completed this, it made me think of all the things that we carry on a daily basis that interfere with our own mental wellness and hamper us connecting with those around us. Sometimes it may be a suitcase of unforgiveness or self-doubt that we quietly carry

around, never truly feeling that we can connect or that people will understand. Sometimes we carry around anger or bitterness and with clenched hands we miss opportunities to embrace those we love. Other times we carry the busyness of life and whirlwind of social media and we find ourselves caught up in the tornado of life. All too often I feel like putting life on pause and enjoying today and I forget that I actually can.

I need to practice travelling light, not just physically but emotionally, too. Together we all need to put down the luggage of life that so often robs us of joy and our own mental wellness and stop long enough to enjoy today and your time with your friends and family.

Christopher Lee
Project Coordinator
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20TH BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Justine Kinnison Western Review

On May 7, the 20th Battle of the Books was held at the town office. At the Grades 3/4 division, Evergreen School brought home gold (pictured above), St. Anthony Catholic School brought home silver, and Eskandaro School brought home bronze.

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Crime Prevention

COP – the eyes and ears of this community

Cathy Weetman
Special to Postmedia Network

They're known as the "eyes and ears" of the community and they're one more tool used in crime prevention for both Drayton Valley and Brazeau County.

They are Citizens on Patrol, a group of residents who patrol the streets and roads of the area looking for anything suspicious, whether it's an unlocked building or open door or an impaired driver, and they'll report back to the RCMP officers on duty, who will then investigate.

Drayton Valley's Citizen on Patrol group was formed in 2004 and is still going strong today, with 21 members. Monthly meetings between COP and the RCMP are

held on Tuesday evenings at Nelson House.

Constable Stephanie Foster has been the liaison officer between the two groups for the past two years and sits in on the COP meetings. "I keep them updated about what's going on with the police side of things. If there's an increase in vehicle thefts, property damage or any other crime, I'll let them know and give them an idea of what to look out for," said Foster.

"If members are going out on patrol, we'll meet at the office and I'll make sure they're aware of any incidents such as stolen vehicles. At the station, they'll pick up a decal for the side of their vehicles, vests, hats and a bag containing flashlights, binoculars, a patrol binder

with a log book to report any suspicious activity, and a COP cell phone although members can use their own cell phones," noted Foster. She added that members of COP can make up their own schedules of when they want to patrol with a partner, whether it's during the night, early morning or throughout the day.

Foster was asked how successful COP is in Drayton Valley. "When they're out on the road, they're reported impaired drivers, open buildings, or if there's been a fight in public, and somebody is leaving it and walking down the street, they will report that person's location."

"We've got quite a few members – 21 people – and it's definitely a good group. If you want to

become involved in the community and help out the police, fill out the application and police background check forms. If you pass the background check, then there will be an orientation session with a member of COP and me for about an hour. You'll be given an orientation kit with a booklet, the "10" codes, what's expected of you while you're on patrol, how to be professional and safe and things to look for when passing vehicles, such as windows rolled down when it's minus 30 degrees outside, licence plates hanging off the back of a vehicle, dirty licence plates on a clean vehicle or clean plates on a dirty vehicle.

You'll also be given assistance with report writing, so that if somebody does find an impaired person,

they have to be able to write a good report and attend court," added Foster.

"We're always looking for members, and we try to keep them involved in the community. We're planning to do another barbecue at Walmart soon as an awareness event. The best part of COP is that our members grow up here and they know the community. Anyone 18 years and older can apply. It gives people an opportunity to get out and it's a great way to get involved, community-wise."

Application forms are available at any RCMP detachment or they can also be downloaded from the Internet.

Drug dealers – who you gonna call when they come for you?

Cathy Weetman
Special to Postmedia Network

Drayton Valley and area RCMP detachments are being kept busy this year with a number of initiatives aimed at eliminating the area's drug problem.

Because of the downturn in the economy resulting in workers having less disposable income, the drug problem is not as prevalent as it was a year ago; however, it's still a problem and the RCMP

detachments in the area want to eliminate it entirely.

RCMP detachment commander Malcolm Calahoo stated, "There is a drug problem in this town. We're definitely going after the traffickers and we're focusing our efforts on them, and that's tied in to property crimes and the health and wellness of the community," said Calahoo.

"We need to keep our focus on these guys to make sure if there's any people in

town that are dealing, we're coming after them. We're going after the high-profile offenders and we'll be doing more offender checks such as whether they're abiding by their terms of conditions."

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Crime Prevention

Raising awareness for community safety goal of Crime Prevention Week

Dave S. Clark
Special to Postmedia Network

Alberta Crime Prevention Week officially kicks off May 10 to 16 and there will be many events across the province that will help educate Albertans on how they can keep their neighbourhoods and communities safe.

"We all have a role in helping ensure Alberta's communities are safe and secure places to live, work and raise a family, and one of the best tools for reducing and preventing crime is activity looking out for our neighbours," said Scott Sehested, spokesperson for Alberta Justice and Solicitor General. "The goal of Alberta Crime Prevention Week is to raise awareness about the ways Albertans can get involved in promoting community safety."

According to Sehested, there are three established approaches to effective crime reduction and prevention: engaging individuals at risk of being involved in crime,

helping to affect change in places where crime occurs and addressing the situations that lead to crime.

Crime Prevention Week will discuss the negative circumstances and influences that increase the likelihood of a person committing crime, which are extensive and complex and can range from factors unique to an individual to broader societal issues. They can include unemployment and low income, educational levels including high school drop-out rates, changes in families and parenting, household size, availability and use of alcohol and drugs, shifting social values, increased migration to cities, and a shift to communities where people don't know each other.

Alberta Crime Prevention Week is being co-ordinated by the Crime Prevention and Restorative Justice (CPRJ) branch of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General and the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA). Anyone interested in participating in Crime Prevention Week activities can e-mail the CPRO branch at cprj@gov.ab.ca. More

information can also be found on the Alberta Justice website at www.alberta.ca.

In 1983, the Government of Canada designated the first week of November as National Crime Prevention Week. In 1992, the Government of Alberta began observing Crime Prevention Week, but with a provincial focus. The following year at the request of provincial law enforcement agencies Alberta Crime Prevention Week was moved to May so that it coincided with National Police Week.

The province will also soon be celebrating individuals and organizations who have made an impact in their community at the 2015 Community Justice Awards. The annual event, which each year alternates between Edmonton and Calgary, celebrates the work of individuals and organizations across the province that lead local community safety and crime prevention initiatives, victims services, youth justice committees and restorative justice programs.

Don't be helpless – take easy steps to prevent being a victim of crime

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There is often a feeling of helplessness after being the victim of crime, but according to Insp. Dan Jones of Investigative Services with the Edmonton Police Service and a board member of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association, the key to not becoming a victim is doing what you can to prevent crime.

Theft from vehicles or theft of vehicles is relatively common, said Jones, but there are many things people can do to prevent that from happening, such as using one of the many types of anti-theft devices and by removing the items in your car that people may want to steal.

"When people are locking in the windows of your vehicle and they see you have an ashtray of loonies and toonies in your console, that becomes an easy bit for those individuals. Something even as simple as, and I know this sounds silly, but locking your vehicle is so important," he said. "But a lot of people don't think about it. They have sunglasses or other things in the glove box and someone easily breaks in and takes them."

Understanding criminology is important as the criminals who are breaking into your car may not be after much at all and even something that you don't consider to be very valuable may catch their eye.

"It doesn't need to be a large amount. It isn't the white-collar criminals who are checking vehicles for loose change. The goal is for these people to get a little bit of money because they have a drug habit or an alcohol habit or they are just youth looking for a little bit of money," said Jones.

If you leave laptops or briefcases sitting on the seat of your car, you're attracting a different type of criminal. That will be someone who knows how to get rid of stolen property or how to pawn it off, said Jones.

Around your home, there are many things you can do to prevent crime. According to Jones, it starts with just locking your doors. It is common for people who do break and enter to just go around

checking doors and go into the first one that's open. Also ensuring that your entrances are well lit is important, he said.

If you're going on holidays, have

someone checking your house. If there is a backlog of flyers in mail box and you're away, it is an open invitation for someone to break into your home.

"All of these are things that people can do to not make themselves an easy target or victim," said Jones. "It comes down to protecting your self with the simple things."

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Derrick Toastmasters Club celebrates 25 years



Cathy Weetman Western Review
Pictured are Marc Haine, holding the anniversary cake, with special guests, dignitaries and club members

Western Review

The Derrick Toastmasters Club held a very special meeting at the Lakeview Inn and Suites on May 1 - 25 years of being in existence.

Marc Haine, Area Governor and MC for the evening, welcomed everybody to the

meeting, including special guests Drayton Valley MLA Diana McQueen, Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean, Toastmasters Lieutenant Governor of Education, Marg Feryna, and District Governor Doris Henn, who gave the keynote address. After the cake cutting ceremony, closing comments were made by special guest Peter Kossowan, who founded the Derrick Toastmasters in 1990 plus over a hundred other clubs over the years.

Hockey Canada's Century Cup coming to Drayton Valley May 23-24

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

In just a few short weeks, Hockey Canada's Century Cup tour will be coming to the Omniplex in Drayton Valley, to mark your calendars for May 23 and 24.

Communications Lead with Hockey Canada, Charlotte Coulson, said the tour will set up inside the Omniplex on May 23 and be open to the public each day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events will start with a kick-off ceremony at 12 noon when Hockey Canada and Canadian Tire will honour its volunteers who have done an outstanding job supporting minor hockey in the community. We can't tell you who yet!

"We'll have a Hockey Hall of Fame truck showing Hockey Canada's 100 year history that will have interactive ele-

ments in it that will allow visitors to create their own hockey jersey. The whole truck is filled to the brim with hockey elements," added Coulson. "There's a lot of information to learn throughout the 100 year span."

Coulson added that because of the 100 year history of hockey, the tour is visiting 100 communities, and Drayton Valley is the third last stop before wrapping up at the end of May.

"We are working with TELUS and the Drayton Valley Thunder hockey team, who will be competing in some ball hockey games over the weekend. There will also be a barbecue and for every person who visits the tour, TELUS will donate one dollar to the local food bank. And the entire event is completely free for everybody. There will be activities throughout the two day event for every age," she concluded.

Take a Look Back - Drayton Valley



John Bosseman, above, his wife and son Siegle, came to live on the river flats just below the site of the bridge. His past was a mystery but he soon developed an unpleasant reputation locally. In May, 1922, he borrowed a suitcase from Joe Stirling but when Joe went to retrieve it he was met by three men in overalls. Joe returned later that day with his friend Lewis Davis and Bosseman appeared with a rifle in hand. Davis tried to intervene and calm matters but was struck by the rifle barrel and fell, stunned, to the ground. Bosseman fired at his head, killing him. Joe fled but a second round just grazed his nose. Next day Edmonton police asked two leads, Bill Drake and Eric Turner, to go and investigate and report to them. They found Davis' body. Bosseman was convicted of manslaughter and spent twenty years in prison. (Drayton Valley and District Historical Society Archives)

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YARD & GARDEN 2015

Add trendy updates to your outdoor space

If you would like to put some new life into your patio this year and are curious about the latest outdoor living trends, take a look at a few tips from Cindy Jardim, a home furnishings expert at Lowe's Canada. She is at the forefront of what's hot in décor and design.

"When it comes to your outdoor spaces, décor should be an extension of your indoor design sensibilities," explains Jardim.

"The same principles that apply inside - like spacing, scale and accessorizing - should be used to enhance an outdoor space."

Here are her top three outdoor living principles for 2015:

1. Conversation sets: Homeowners are moving away from traditional dining sets and choosing furniture that encourages people to kick-back and linger. Need space to eat? Group together multiple coffee tables with your conversation set to create a relaxing and casual environment.

2. Innovative outdoor cooking: Escape your kitchen and enjoy the outdoors. Outdoor kitchens are big this year. And no, we're not just talking about burgers on the barbecue - from pizza to ribs you can buy accessories to cook literally anything outside these days.

Backyard smokers are gaining momentum in Canada and barbecue options go way beyond just gas, charcoal, and electric. Choose the grill size that best

suits your lifestyle. For example, those who like to entertain might opt for a party-sized unit and empty nesters or singles living in the city, might choose a smaller-sized electric grill. There's something for everyone.

3. Small Space décor: Just because you have a small outdoor space, like a condo balcony, doesn't mean you can't enjoy it. Take back your space with privacy screens and use space-saving, double-duty fur-

niture to maximize square footage. Outdoor flooring can also go a long way to elevate your space, making a concrete balcony more welcoming and comfortable.

Bonus tip: Are you tired of spending your precious summer weekends and evenings mowing the lawn or setting up sprinklers? Consider laying artificial grass. With a product called SYNlawn, you'll use up to 70% less water - and it will look great!

Bee on the lookout this spring

From minor irritations to severe allergic reactions, don't let bees and wasps be a buzz-kill this year. Bees and wasps should start as soon as temperatures begin to rise, as colonies begin anew each spring.

"The most important element of wasp control is the prevention of future nests on your property," says Alice Sinla, PhD, a resident entomologist with Orkin Canada. "It is much easier to proactively prevent a single queen than to treat a colonized nest."

Wasps and bees like to nest in protected areas such as dense bushes, tree branches, fence lines, wall voids or under the eaves of a structure. These steps to protect your property are suggested by Orkin:

- Regularly inspect the perimeter of your home for nests. If you suspect the presence of bees or wasps, reach out to your local pest management professional to evaluate and remove the nest.

Bees and other pollinators may be protected by local or national laws, so contact your pest management professional for advice on how to handle your specific situation.

- Caulk any cracks or crevices around the exterior of your building.

- Avoid attractants such as brightly coloured and fragrant flowers. Choosing outdoor décor with dark or neutral colours can discourage flying pests.

- Cover any food sources left outdoors, such as picnic spreads, pet food, garbage containers and compost piles.

It is important that you do not try to eliminate nests on your own. Wasp and bee stings are typically a minor nuisance, but in some cases, severe allergic or side effects can occur. By partnering with a pest management professional and taking proactive steps now, you can help reduce the sting of flying pests all year.

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Creating a patio deck

More Canadians are jumping on the trend of enriching their homes and lifestyles by adding outdoor living spaces with beautifully designed and tastefully furnished patio decks.

Creating your ultimate patio deck is a great way to add an "outdoor room" for entertaining and family barbecues during warmer weather.

Real estate and renovation experts agree that adding a well-designed patio deck is a very cost-effective way to increase the value of your home property. A study by Money Magazine showed that such outdoor additions can have more impact on home value than interior projects.

The key to success is keeping the big picture in mind, says trusted Canadian contractor and TV host Mike Holmes.

"Creating the ultimate backyard deck goes beyond simply building the deck itself," says Holmes. "Think ahead. Don't just focus on materials and size. Also think about your deck's design, its functionality, seating options and privacy."

durability and maintenance; and of course, safety."

To maximize deck safety and convenience, Holmes says to start by considering the benefits of a low deck design that requires fewer stairs and therefore fewer worries over slips and falls.

Wood has long been the traditional material of choice for deck building. But options for homeowners are growing and the introduction of high-tech decks featuring man-made materials that look good, are maintenance free and eliminate the need for repairs or replacement. This becomes increasingly important as dangerous deck collapses occur every year across North America.

Holmes recommends these newer high-tech deck systems, including a homegrown Canadian product called Sigmatrak (www.sigmatrak.com).

"Sigmatrak is different. It uses aerospace-grade aluminum and porcelain parts that interlock to create a seamless surface that looks good and really lasts," says Holmes. "You don't have to worry about the deck deteriorating, coming apart or col-

lapsing. That means less maintenance, less spending on repairs and you never need to replace it."

Another key factor to consider when creating your ultimate deck is the quality of materials and parts used for the installation.

"Installation is always key. Unfortunately, I've seen a lot of deck products use plastic clips to make connections," says Holmes. "Plastic tends to break, especially in typical Canadian weather extremes. Solid metal connections are the way to go - they're stronger and more resistant to temperature changes."

You've chosen materials and an overall design but a big question is always: How big a deck should you build?

"Go big or go home," says Holmes. "Stay within your budget but durable, maintenance-free, man-made materials that cost more initially can pay off in the long run. Once those decks are up, they're repair and worry free."

Use these tips to make this the year to finally build your ultimate home patio deck. www.newscanada.com

Grow your own summer salad

News Canada

The only thing better than a home-made meal is a homegrown meal - and creating fresh and delicious salads using vegetables, fruits, and herbs grown in your own backyard is about as fresh as it gets when it comes to summer dining.

"Self-contained salad bowls are a great way to start growing your own produce," says Peter Cantley, gardening expert for the President's Choice brand. "They're very low maintenance because they grow right in the container so there's no need to replant them or worry about them having enough room to grow."

If you've never tasted kale raw in a salad, try this recipe, says Cantley, using the PC Kale Bowl. The fruit-and-nut combo is perfect for summer while the balsamic dressing, pine nuts and pecorino give it a wonderful Italian flavour. The recipe easily doubles for a crowd, perfect for your next backyard barbecue.

Fresh and Crispy Kale Salad

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) extra virgin olive oil

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) PC Splendid White Condiment With Balsamic Vinegar of Modena

- 1 tsp (5 ml) 100% pure medium maple syrup

- Pinch of salt

- Pinch of freshly ground black pepper

- 1 bunch kale, coarse stems removed

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) pine nuts, toasted

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) dried currants

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) grated lemon rind

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) shaved Pecorino cheese

Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, whisk together oil, condiment, syrup, salt and pepper.

2. Slice kale into 1/2-inch (1 cm) wide strips; place in medium bowl. Add dressing; massage into kale leaves until well coated. Let stand for 10 minutes.

3. Add pine nuts and currants, tossing to coat. Garnish with grated lemon rind and Pecorino shavings.

More recipe ideas are available online at p.c.ca.

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Backyard essentials

Spring and summer are the seasons to dust off the welcome mat and throw open your doors to friends and family. Whether you are throwing a big backyard blowout for all your family and friends or an intimate gathering of those closest to you, as the host you want to establish an atmosphere that keeps everyone feeling at home and free to help themselves.

The most important thing is to be prepared. Staying on top of your guest list prior to the event keeps you in control and allows you to plan based on the number of guests. Here are some helpful tips that will have everyone giving a toast to the host.

Set the stage: There are many variables to consider when preparing the setting. If your event is starting during the day make sure your backyard is equipped with shaded areas. Pop-up canopies and patio umbrellas come in a variety of shapes and sizes. They can be used to keep food out of the sun and offer guests protection from an unexpected rain shower. Also make sure to have plenty of sunscreen on hand for guests.

As your party transitions to the evening there are some new considerations. Outdoor string lights and patio lights can really establish an intimate ambience and have your guests feeling comfortable. Insect control is another issue that needs attention. Citronella candles, tick lamps, and mosquito coils are all cost effective ways to keep bugs off your guests.

Give ants their marching orders

News Canada

Carpenter ants were a nationwide issue last spring and summer, and it looks like history is about to repeat itself.

Hardy workers tend to work in our favour when it comes to most pests, but carpenter ants generate a natural antirepulsive that allows them to survive extreme conditions. As the weather conditions to warm up, you'll likely see these resilient pests around your homes, searching for food and suitable locations to establish new colonies. Due to their nesting habits, infestations are often not discovered until significant damage to a home or building has already occurred.

Carpenter ants use their strong jaws to chew through wood, where they will nest, lay eggs and create the weak structural nesting," says Dr. Kevin Smith, a resident entomologist with Orkin Canada. "Although they work slowly, if left alone they can cause serious structural damage."

Through decks, windows, porches, roofs and other areas of homes that are exposed to weather are most vulnerable to carpenter ants, they will

utilize your grill. A reliable, multi-faceted grill such as a Broil King allows you to cater to your guests by preparing traditional barbecue classics for large events, as well as mouth-watering specialty foods for more intimate gatherings. Equipping your grill with performance accessories can alleviate much of the pressure of grilling for your guests.

When hosting an outdoor dinner party with fewer guests, the focus is on preparing more elaborate dishes such as ribs. The Broil King Rib Roaster retains heat and moisture, cooking ribs completely in under an hour. An internal rotating rack keeps ribs elevated, allowing them to steam in their juices. With the right grill and accessories you are able to prepare your entire meal outdoors, allowing you to stay with your guests and keep the party going.

When hosting a large crowd there are a few options that allow your guests to grab at their leisure. Skewers are a great choice for grill masters looking to combine taste and convenience. Broil King's stainless steel kabob rack with heat shield holds up to 25 skewers at a time.

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Top left: Angelina Wylie performs a traditional Irish dance.

Top right: Alexia Hogan delights the audience with her musical theatre piece.

Bottom left: Carson Mulligan serenades the audience with his guitar.

Bottom right: Rhiannon Grzesler plays the harp.



Top left: April Graetz and Emily Brooks show off their dance moves.



Top right: Nathan Bough plays some beats on the drums.

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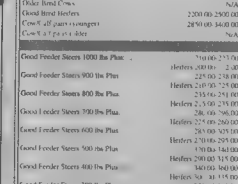


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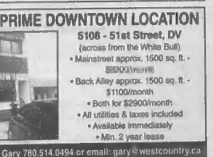
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This 2762 sq.ft. Executive home on 7 acres is the epitome of style & elegance! It's one of the largest lots in the prestigious River Ravine Estates & it backs onto the treed ravine. The home is highlighted by the finest quality materials & top quality workmanship: 3/4" hardwood & tile floors, huge kitchen with corner pantry & large island with breakfast bar, extensive granite throughout, stainless steel appliances including induction stove top, gas fireplace, upgraded lighting, 9 ft. ceilings on main floor & basement, concrete RV pod, huge deck with covered area for gas barbecue, awesome sunlight throughout the home, & fully landscaped. Upstairs is 4 bedrooms, bonus room, & laundry. The en suite has separate oversized tiled shower with glass front, corner jacuzzi tub & double sinks. Main floor includes a den & large utility room off of the heated triple garage. The sound surround extends through the kitchen, deck & garage with a 5.1 surround system in basement where there's a large 9' wet bar & room for the pool table. Come see me at the OPENHOUSE! Or call me for a detailed information sheet showing all the additional features of this home. UPGRADES ARE ENDLESS!

Price \$867,000 / MLS E3405324

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